

For the reasons set forth herein, Applicants maintain that claims 1-35 clearly and patentably define the invention, respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the various grounds set forth in the Office Action and allow the claims which are now pending.

If the Examiner would like to discuss any of the issues raised in the Office Action, Applicants' representative can be reached at (619) 678-5070.

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Respectfully submitted,

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